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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF REQUEST FOR OMITTING PANAMA ON
BOGOTA ROUTE

REF: (A) OWEN-STYLES TELCON, AUGUST 16; (B) STATE 200353;
(C) MEXICO 12982

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH ING. JORGE CENDEJAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF CIVIL AVIATION, TO GET REACTION TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE
REFTEL (B) REQUESTING GOM TO RESCIND BRANIFF MANDATORY
STOP IN PANAMA. CENDEJAS CONTINUED TO REFER TO HIS "NOTES"
AND CONTEND THAT THERE WAS TACIT AGREEMENT AT THE BILATERAL
FOR A MANDATORY STOP IN PANAMA. HE DID, HOWEVER, LEAVE
THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER NEGOTIATION, SAYING THAT HE WISHED
TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH A CAB AND/OR STATE DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE EITHER IN MEXICO CITY OR WASHINGTON AND WAS
SURE THAT THE MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED. CENDEJAS SAID THAT
AT THE SAME MEETING HE ALSO WISHED TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST
BY AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL TO START AN ALL-CARGO SERVICE
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICO REFTEL (C). HE IMPLIED THAT
THE GOM MIGHT BE PREPARED TO APPROVE THE AIRLIFT REQUEST
IF IT WERE INTRODUCED IN A CONTEXT OUTSIDE OF THE BILATERAL
SUCH AS THE PROPOSED MEETING.

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2. WE REQUESTED THAT BRANIFF BE GIVEN A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION
FROM MANDATORY PANAMA STOP WHILE MATTER WAS BEING
NEGOTIATED. CENDEJAS RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS "FEASIBLE"
BUT THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH HIS SUPERIORS. IN
ANY CASE, CENDEJAS SAID, HE WANTED TO MEET WITH BRANIFF TO
DETERMINE WHETHER BRANIFF WAS INTERESTED IN PANAMA AT ALL.

IF NOT, HE THOUGHT THAT THE ROUTE DESCRIPTION COULD BE
REWRITTEN AS MEXICO CITY-BOGOTA DIRECT, LEAVING OUT
PANAMA ALTOGETHER.

3. EMBOFF COMMUNICATED ABOVE INFORMATION TO LOCAL BRANIFF
REP, WHO SAID THAT HE WOULD BE FORWARDING IT TO HIS
SUPERIOR, CHARLES SOUTH, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/INTERNA-
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TIONAL AT BRANIFF, FOR INSTRUCTIONS. MCANINCH

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